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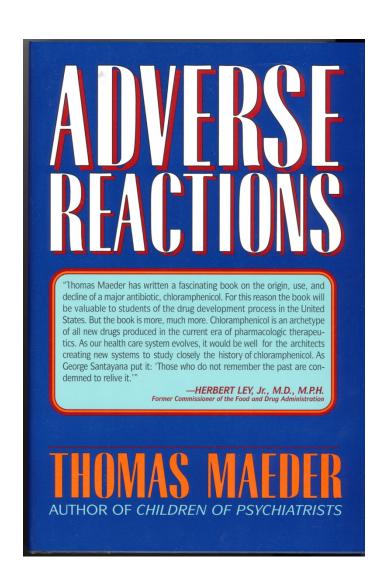
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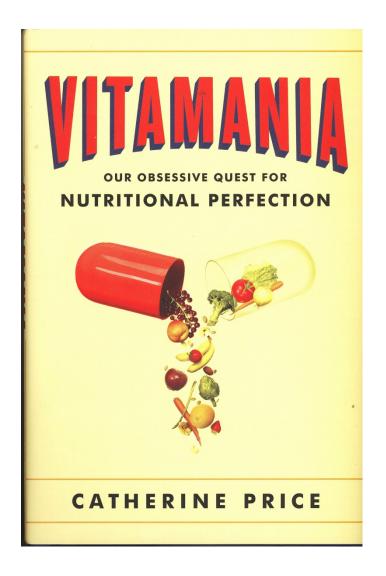
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## History Office Mission Statement

To increase knowledge of the history, mission, and activities of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and its predecessor, the Bureau of Chemistry in the Department of Agriculture.

### What We Do: Oral History

Conduct oral histories with retired and nearly retired FDA employees with significant contributions to make to the agency's institutional memory.

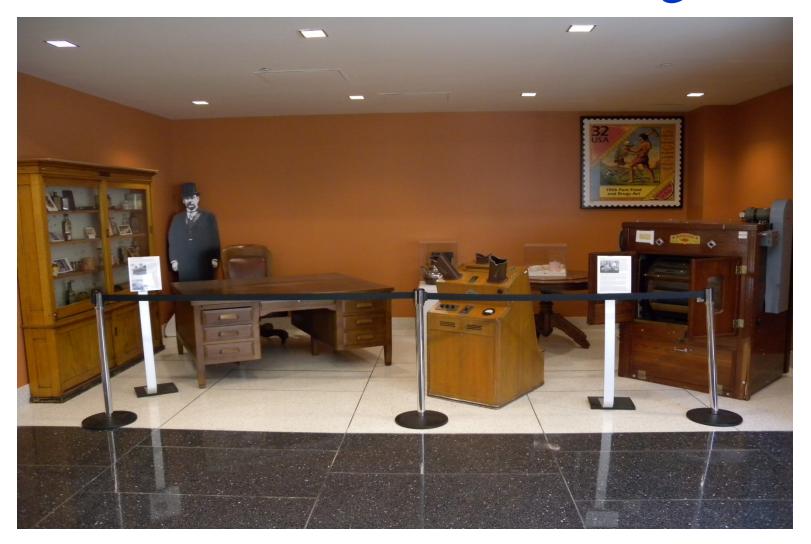
### What Do We Do: Artifacts

- We curate, protect, and preserve evidence of the agency's physical past
  - Patent medicines
  - Wiley era catsup bottle
  - Elixir Sulfanilamide and thalidomide
  - Dalkon Shield
  - Inspector's equipment

## Introducing Visitors to the FDA

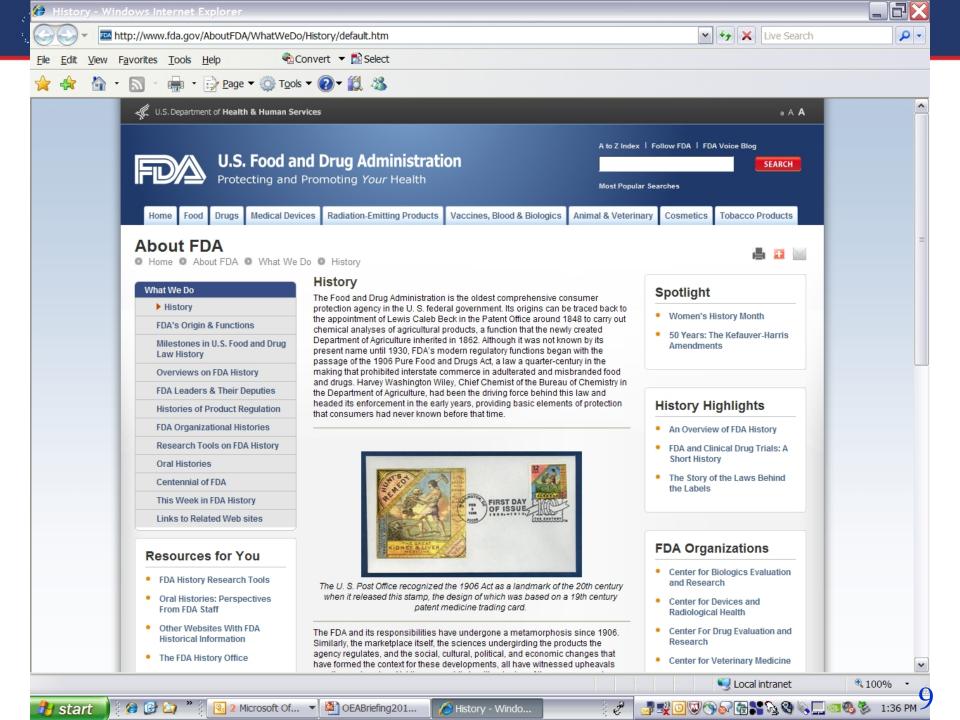


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## What We Do: History Website

- Website
  - http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/Wh atWeDo/History/default.htm
  - Oral history interviews
  - Flickr photos
  - Information/articles



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